



Columbia Seminary

# Vantage

## ALUMNUS NAMED AS DIRECTOR OF ADVANCED STUDIES



Dr. James D. Newsome, Jr., the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Paducah, Kentucky has been appointed by the Board of Directors of Columbia Seminary as Director of Advanced Studies, effective July 1, 1977. In making the appointment, President J. Davison Philips states, "In Jim Newsome, we have an excellent combination of commitment and competence as a minister. His personal growth as a pastor has involved disciplined study related to the needs of his parish and his people. We are fortunate to have such a well prepared Director of Advanced Studies to lead us in a new effort to serve our church's ministers and churches."

Jim is an alumnus of Columbia Seminary, the Class of 1955. He has a Th.M. from Columbia, a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt, and has done post graduate work at Oxford University in England. He comes to Columbia after having given excellent service in the pastorate with a long term commitment to continuing education. He



## THE ALUMNI LUNCHEON

Some 265 persons, representing graduates of Columbia Seminary going back to the 1920's, gathered in the Student Center on January 26 for the Annual Alumni Luncheon. Following a delicious meal, Alumni President Bill Adams presided over an interesting meeting that included some nostalgia, some thoughtful reflections on the content of the Alumni Lectures, and a challenge for the future. President Philips expressed his sincere appreciation for the support and prayers of the Alumni.

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

The Alumni Association of Columbia Seminary elected a new slate of officers at its Annual Luncheon Meeting held on January 26. The following were chosen to serve during 1977:

President—McCoy Franklin ('64)  
Vice Pres.—Lawrence Wood ('64)  
Sec'y-Treas.—Wm. J. Holmes ('73)

The new President is Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Auburn, Alabama. Coy served as one of the alumni respondents during our "Three Days in January" activities.



McCoy Franklin

has been the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Paducah since 1965.

Jim is married to the former Suzella Burns of Knoxville, Tenn. The Newsome's have four children, two daughters and twin sons.



**ADAMS PASSES MANTLE**

Elijah didn't pass his mantle to Elisha until he had completed certain tasks. Wm. A. Adams, President of the Alumni Association during 1976, did a fine job of organizing the newly appointed Alumni Council and setting in motion certain creative activities before passing the job of President to Coy Franklin. A special word of thanks to Bill and those who served with him—Bob Lawrence and Coy Franklin. The leadership that our 1976-77 officers provided has stimulated the graduates of Columbia Seminary to give a record \$21,150 for use in Scholarship Aid. As the immediate past President, Bill will continue to serve on the Executive Committee of the Alumni Council.



**COUNCIL GIVES DIRECTION**

A special word of thanks is offered to the thirty-three member Alumni Council that has done so much to provide direction for the Alumni of Columbia Seminary. As an outgrowth of the Alumni Council's concern, we now have a representative of our Alumni on all the key committees of the Seminary. There is a feeling of common unity and purpose as we join hands with committee members from the faculty, staff and student body.

**INAUGURATIONS A HIGHLIGHT**

One of the real highlights of our "Three Days in January" experience was the inauguration of two of our professors. Dr. Theron S. Nease delivered an insightful and soul-searching address entitled, "Pastoral Care: Generativity or Stagnation?" He was inaugurated as Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling. Professor Jap Keith offered the prayer of installation. Dr. J. Will Ormond took us on a captivating journey "From Word to World—and Back Again" in his



*Dr. J. Phillips Noble, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, S. C., representing the Board of Directors, leads Professor Theron S. Nease in his vow.*

inaugural address. He was installed as the J. McDowell Richards Professor of Biblical Exposition. The prayer of installation was offered by Professor Wade Huie. Dr. J. Phillips Noble, representing the Board of Directors, led both professors in their inaugural vows. Dr. J. Davison Philips gave the charges to the two newly appointed professors.



**ALUMNI LECTURER STIMULATES**

"Christian Faithfulness in Secular America" was the subject of the 1977 Alumni Lectures delivered by Dr. Donald B. Shriver, Jr., President of Union Theological Seminary, New York. Much interest was shown by members of the student body, faculty and returning Alumni to Dr. Shriver's pointed and stimulating lectures. He wrestled with such subjects as "Faith and Ideology," "Faith and Justice," and "Pastor and Prophet." Three of our graduates—Jim Newsome ('64), Coy Franklin ('64), and Nibs Stroupe ('75) served as respondents to Dr. Shriver's addresses.



*Class of 1962*

**YE OLD CLASS REUNION**

Numbered among the most delightful aspects of our Alumni activities this year would have to be "Ye Old Class Reunions." A great deal of thought and creativity went into the observance of these reunions of our past graduating classes. Of the seven classes that had gatherings, two produced newsletters that gave a good update on all the old grads. Old class pictures were on display. Photographs were taken of each of the reunion classes and sent to the returning Alumni as a gift from the Seminary. If you were in the Class of 1973, 1968, 1963, 1958, 1953 and on back — mark your calendar now for February 1, 1978.

**COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ALUMNI GIVING**

Year	Number	Amount
1971-72	275	\$ 8,397
1972-73	110	3,698
1973-74	106	2,521
1974-75	223	13,045
1975-76	225	14,283
*1976-77	244	21,151

\*As of February 15, 1977 with 4½ months to go before June 30.



## A PERSONAL WORD

This Alumni Edition of the Vantage captures some of the excitement of what God is doing in and through Columbia Seminary. It is a continuing privilege for me to visit with our graduates throughout the Church. I am grateful to find so many who are serving effectively as ministers of Jesus Christ.

Columbia Seminary exists to serve Jesus Christ, His Church, and the World. The growing support of our alumni is a real source of encouragement to us. Your fine response to the Alumni Questionnaire has provided the faculty and staff with helpful information.

As alumni and alumnae of the Seminary, one of your greatest concerns has been the strengthening of our program of continuing education. It gives us a great deal of pleasure to be able to announce the coming of Jim Newsome as Director of Advanced Studies. Now, we feel, many of your dreams in this vital area will become a reality. We are ready to create programs which will meet many needs among ministers today.

The promises of God are quite real in this formidable task here. He affirms His presence in our undertaking. "Commit your work unto the Lord and your plans will be established." (Proverbs 16:3).

Faithfully yours,

J. Davison Philips

## IN-CAREER DOCTOR OF MINISTRY PROGRAM EXPANDS

Sixty-one ministers are now enrolled in Columbia Seminary's In-Career Doctor of Ministry program. This continuing education program provides a flexible framework for study that is attractive and useful to those ministers who desire an extended developmental plan for learning while remaining in their parish. Extension courses may be arranged between Presbyteries and the Seminary for both degree and non-degree programs.

The curriculum is designed to help its participants learn how to carry on a program of self-education and lifelong learning. One major aim of the program is an integrated understanding of ministry from biblical, historical, theological, social and personal perspectives. Its operational goal is to sharpen and develop one's functional skills in ministry.

Applications are now being received for a new class to begin in October, 1977. For information, you are invited to write to Dr. Milton Gardiner, Director, Graduate Professional Studies, 701 Columbia Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30031.

## EVANGELISM PROJECT

"A Training Project in Evangelism" sponsored by the Division of National Mission of the PCUS and Columbia Seminary will be held this summer at the Seminary. The Rev. Robert Henderson and the Rev. Richard A. Dodds will direct the project. The purpose is to provide a resource for creative training in the principles and practice of New Testament evangelism. The dates are July 6-August 12. The project will run on two tracks; one for seminary students seeking academic and field work credit, the other in four one-week segments for pastors and laypersons. For information, write to Richard A. Dodds, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia 30031.

## SEMINARY SUNDAY MARKS 50th ANNIVERSARY

When the churches of Atlanta Presbytery observe Columbia Seminary Sunday on April 24, 1977, they will help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Seminary's moving from Columbia, South Carolina, to its present location in Decatur, Georgia. To commemorate this significant event, Atlanta Presbytery is encouraging its churches to invite members of the staff, faculty and student body of our 149-year old institution to have a share in their Worship Services on April 24. The Seminary is hopeful of being represented in over fifty churches of the Presbytery on this special day.

Seminary Sunday bulletin inserts will be provided for all churches that request them in the supporting Synods of the Seminary. In addition to visiting the churches of Atlanta Presbytery on April 24, members of the staff and faculty are planning to help observe Seminary Sunday on May 1 in churches outside the Atlanta area.

## \$300,000 GRANT

Columbia Seminary has become the recipient of a generous grant of \$300,000 from an anonymous Foundation for the purpose of completing renovations in Campbell Hall and in the John Bulow Campbell Library. The grant will provide for extensive redecorations in the chapel, classrooms, seminar rooms and faculty offices of Campbell Hall. An audio-visual room, a rare books room and other renovations will be completed in the library. Commenting on this greatly appreciated gift, President J. Davison Philips states, "This Foundation was established by a devout Christian businessman and active layman for the purpose of strengthening the mission and ministry of the Church in significant ways. We are most grateful for this gift to us."

1977

SEMINARY SUNDAY

April 24 or May 1



### PRINCE SPECIALIZING

Harold B. Prince, Professor of Bibliography and a 1960 alumnus of Columbia Seminary, has been given major responsibilities in refining and developing particular areas of the John Bulow Campbell Library. Mr. Prince, who has provided such knowledgeable and dedicated leadership in our library operation since 1951, is currently placing major emphasis upon the refinement of the Collection, the review of the Rare Books in connection with the renovation of the library, and the completion of a long-term project of a Presbyterian Bibliography. In addition to his faithful service to the library, Mr. Prince has expressed his loyalty to the Seminary in a rather unique way. (See accompanying letter.)

### JEWETT LECTURES FOR S.T.S.

The Society for Theological Scholarship is a student society "for the purpose of encouraging in every student the highest possible scholarship in all departments of instruction." The Society has invited Dr. Paul K. Jewett, Professor of Systematic Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary, to be the featured speaker at the 1977 S.T.S. Lectures at Columbia Seminary, March 29 and 30. Professor Jewett, who has a Ph.D. from Harvard University, will speak on the subject, "Scripture: It's Authority and Interpretation." The lectures will be held at 9:40 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on each of the two days in the Seminary Chapel. Discussions will follow each of the lectures.

Dear Fellow Graduates,

A number of years ago I thought I would like to do something for Columbia Seminary so I took out an insurance policy, deeded it to the Seminary, and began to pay the premiums as part of my support of the school. I felt good knowing that while I could probably not give Columbia much money while I was alive, when I died it would be a few thousand dollars richer.

Remembering Columbia in our wills is important, and I hope we will not fail to do this as much as we can. In time I came to feel that this was not enough. Our Seminary needs money today to carry on its current operation; it cannot wait for our legacies.

This school, which we love, has sought to achieve and maintain excellence with not-quite-enough-money. During the 26 years I have served as Librarian, the Seminary has been short of Library funds, short of staff and short of faculty.

I believe that we alumni and alumnae, who have received so much from Columbia want the best for it. We want our Seminary to be able to give to this and succeeding generations of students an even better preparation than we have known.

So I hope you will respond with your pledge or gift to the Alumni Scholarship Aid Fund this year. May we be willing to make this a regular part of our support to the church. Last year our alumni-alumnae participation was 15 per cent; 245 gave \$14,000 for an average gift of \$60.00. I believe that we can do better. Won't you join me in a worthy response?

Sincerely yours,

Harold B. Prince

### DR. RICHARDS HONORED

Dr. J. McDowell Richards, President Emeritus of Columbia Seminary, was presented the Charles M. Watt, Jr., Award at a recent Community Breakfast sponsored by the Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta, Inc. The featured speaker at the breakfast was Governor George D. Busbee. The Award annually goes to that person who has contributed the most to the quality of life in Metro Atlanta. Dr. Richards was cited as the author of the original draft of the Atlanta Manifesto of 1957 that did so much to create an atmosphere of racial, political and religious goodwill in the greater Atlanta area. Heartily congratulations to our fellow alumnus, Class of 1928.



J. McDowell Richards

## COLUMBIA SEMINARY ALUMNI GIVING

1976-1977 Year

(Gifts received from July 1, 1976 to February 15, 1977)

### A REPORT BY CLASSES

Class	Number In Class	Number Giving	Amount	Class	Number In Class	Number Giving	Amount
Before							
1923	26	4	\$ 75.00	1951	33	7	\$ 220.00
1923	6	5	250.00	1952	49	5	145.00
1924	7	3	75.00	1953	57	6	200.00
1925	11	2	20.00	1954	61	13	760.00
1926	5	1	25.00	1955	36	2	150.00
1927	2	0	—	1956	45	5	380.00
1928	13	2	180.00	1957	52	10	655.00
1929	18	7	330.00	1958	53	11	555.00
1930	8	2	150.00	1959	67	4	1,045.00
1931	6	4	203.00	1960	51	5	225.00
1932	7	2	60.00	1961	57	5	185.00
1933	13	6	135.00	1962	52	8	695.00
1934	8	0	—	1963	51	6	124.00
1935	8	1	10.00	1964	60	7	428.00
1936	15	2	40.00	1965	56	6	260.00
1937	5	1	10.00	1966	70	5	105.00
1938	11	2	125.00	1967	61	5	360.00
1939	11	2	2,001.00	1968	59	3	135.00
1940	12	6	300.00	1969	42	3	150.00
1941	13	5	275.00	1970	39	2	60.00
1942	16	1	100.00	1971	43	3	145.00
1943	17	6	2,660.00	1972	39	6	105.00
1944	16	5	1,447.68	1973	37	4	90.00
1945	10	1	30.00	1974	38	8	237.00
1946	15	1	510.00	1975	27	2	225.00
1947	16	6	2,335.00	1976	37	6	260.00
1948	14	4	310.00	non			
1949	23	2	140.00	degree	71	8	915.00
1950	30	6	510.00	TOTALS	1705	244	\$21,150.68

## CLASS OF 1947



### GOOD RESPONSE ON QUESTIONNAIRES

The Alumni Association of Columbia Seminary is alive and well if the response to the Alumni Questionnaires is any indication. Some 352 of our graduates took the time to complete them. The data received has been helpful in making a decision to combine the Smythe and Alumni Lectures during the mid-winter of 1978. In addition to the joint lectureship, the Seminary will invite an outstanding preacher to round out a full schedule of activities over a three-day period. Class reunions for classes in multiples of five years will be held during this special time. Helpful data in the area of continuing education was also received from the questionnaires. The dates for the special mid-winter activities are January 31-February 3, 1978.

## FORMER PROFESSOR DIES

Dr. Richard T. Gillespie, a 1933 alumnus, who served as Professor of Homiletics at Columbia Seminary from 1950-1956, died on January 26, 1977, in Alachua, Florida. He served as the Pastor of several vital Presbyterian congregations before and after his service as a Professor.

Dr. Gillespie was the son of a former President of Columbia Seminary, Richard T. Gillespie, II. His father was President when the Seminary moved from Columbia, S. C. to Decatur, Ga. in 1927.

The Gillespie family continues to have close ties with the Seminary as Richard T. Gillespie, IV is a second year student here. The heartfelt sympathy of the Seminary community and Alumni is extended to family.

## IN MEMORIAM

The following graduates of Columbia Theological Seminary became a part of the Church Triumphant during 1976:

John William Aldridge	class of 1960
Charles Samuel Brown	1956
Grady Eliot Dixon	1955
Davison Hofner Dulin	1924
Woodfin Grady Harry	1917
John Wilber McQueen	1933
Joseph Edward Seruggs	1953
Boyd Baxter Underwood	1938
Edgar Bert Wilkerson	1935

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; yea saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

—Revelation 14:13

## 1977 SUMMER SESSION

Courses designed to inform, stimulate and challenge ministers and laypersons will be offered during the 1977 Summer Session at Columbia Seminary. A brief listing of the courses is as follows:

### WEEK I — July 18-22

- "Signs in the Fourth Gospel" — Dr. Ronald Wallace
- "Preaching and Pastoral Concerns" — Dr. Wade Huic
- "Issues of Theology and Culture for Today" — Dr. Harrison Taylor

### WEEK II — July 25-29

- "The Book of Revelation" — Dr. Ronald Wallace
- "The Minister as Person in Preaching" — Dr. Hubert Taylor

### WEEK III — August 1-5

- "The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit" — Dr. Shirley Guthrie
- "Planning Advent Preaching" — Dr. J. Davison Philips
- "The Pastor as Educator" — Dr. Osear Hussel

### WEEK IV — August 8-12

- "A Theology of Missions and Evangelism" — Dr. Shirley Guthrie
- "Preaching with the Sacraments" — Dr. Catherine Gonzalez
- "The Pastor as Administrator" — Dr. Oscar Hussel

For more detailed information concerning course descriptions, academic credit, fees and lodging, please write: Dr. Oscar Hussel, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia 30031.

### *Come See Columbia Day — April 21*

The Columbia Friendship Circle will hold its annual "Come See Columbia Day" on Thursday, April 21. Included in the special activities of the day will be a worship service, beginning at 10:00 a.m., a convocation, a buffet luncheon, special group meetings and a tour of the Seminary campus. All friends of the Seminary are invited to attend.

Each year C.F.C. designates its gifts toward special projects. During the twenty-eight years of its existence, the Columbia Friendship Circle has contributed an amount of \$281,784 to a variety of projects which have been used to strengthen the Seminary. The project this year is Scholarship Aid with a goal of \$25,000.



### ALUMNI COUNCIL TO SPONSOR PHONE-A-THON

The Alumni Council, at its annual meeting on January 25, noted the dramatic increase in the financial contributions of the Alumni to the Seminary. They also noted that the gifts of our graduates were coming primarily from 15% of our Alumni. In an effort to gain a greater degree of participation, the Council voted to engage in a PHONE-A-THON during the Spring of 1977. The basic plan is to organize our Alumni by Presbyteries and to have one of our Alumni/Alumnae call their fellow graduates to enlist their support of our current project of Scholarship Aid. The Council would like to see the number of Alumni participating increase from 244 to 500. If we have this kind of response we can go over the \$30,000 mark by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1977.

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